

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:) Docket No. 35717
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FLEISCHHAUER, Holger, et al.)
) Customer No.: 23589
METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE LOADING)
CAPACITY OF TOBACCO)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this Amendment in the above-referenced application before substantive examination.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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